

CLAIMS

1. A pharmaceutical compound comprising:

a therapeutically effective amount of bee venom;
and

at least one anesthetic provided in an amount
which is sufficient to reduce the irritation associated
with the injection of said bee venom.

2. The pharmaceutical compound of claim 1 wherein said anesthetic is provided in a ratio of between about 20:1-1:10 by weight relative to the weight of said bee venom.

3. The pharmaceutical compound of claim 2 wherein said anesthetic is provided in a ratio of between about 10:1-1:5 by weight relative to the weight of said bee venom.

4. The pharmaceutical compound of claim 3 wherein said anesthetic is provided in a ratio of between about 3:1-1:1 by weight relative to the weight of said bee venom.

5. The pharmaceutical compound of claims 1, 2, 3 or 4 further comprising at least one excipient or liquid carrier.

6. The pharmaceutical compound of claim 5 wherein said at least one excipient or liquid carrier are provided in an amount which is sufficient to provide between about 0.1mg and about 10mg of bee venom per mL.

7. The pharmaceutical compound of claim 6 wherein said at least one excipient or liquid carrier are provided in an amount which is sufficient to provide between about 0.5mg and about 5.0mg of bee venom per mL.

8. The pharmaceutical compound of claim 7 wherein said at least one excipient or liquid carrier are provided in an amount which is sufficient to provide about 1mg of bee venom per mL.

9. The pharmaceutical compound of claim 8 wherein said at least one anesthetic is a local anesthetic.

10. The pharmaceutical compound of claim 9 wherein said local anesthetic is lidocaine.

11. A standardized bee venom preparation suitable for administration by injection comprising: a liquid carrier and admixed therein between about 0.1mg to about 10.0mg by weight of bee venom per mL of said liquid carrier, said preparation being filtered through a 25micron filter.

12. The standardized bee venom preparation of claim 11 further comprising at least one anesthetic provided in an amount which is sufficient to reduce the irritation associated with the injection of said bee venom.